APPENDIX E.

1. ADDRESS.

READ BY MR. RICHARDS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOLAR GOLD MINING BOARD.

I am desired by the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board on whose behalf I now have the honor to address you, to convey to you their sincere thanks for this further opportunity afforded to them of approaching you on matters affecting the welfare of the industry they represent, and I am to state that they are very grateful for the kindly interest which the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has continued to bestow upon it.

Roads.—The Board, whilst thanking the Government for taking over the maintenance of several additional roads in the Gold Fields area, desire to draw attention to the necessity for thoroughly repairing the roads throughout the Field, the condition of which has recently greatly deteriorated.

Police.—I am desired by the Board to express their grateful thanks for the recent augmentation of the Police force on the Field and to record that under the able administration of the present District Superintendent it has performed its work very efficiently.

Police Act.—The Board are pleased to note that the Police Regulation for which they have asked in previous addresses is now receiving the attention of Government and they trust that this measure which is most essential for the well-being of the Field will very shortly be introduced.

Government Hospital.—The Board are greatly disappointed to notice that the Government Hospital situated at Robertsonpet, which has been practically completed for some months past, has not yet been made use of. The rapidity of the increase of population of the Field not directly employed by the mines, and therefore not entitled to treatment at the Companies' Hospital, demands that this institution should be brought into service at the earliest possible moment.

Maternity Hospital.—Once again the Board desire to state that a hospital of this nature is urgently needed.

Betamangalam Water Scheme.—Mines which participate in this scheme are grateful for the rapidity with which the repairing of the Betamangalam tank bund was effected, and much appreciate the benefits derived from the water-supply from this source.

Mining Regulation.—The Board were very pleased to have the opportunity recently afforded to them of discussing with the Honorable Mr. Hewett, Member of the Government of India in the Departments of Finance and Commerce and yourself, amendments to the existing Mysore Mines Regulations, suggested in their recent letter to His Highness' Government through the Secretary to the Geological Department. They earnestly trust that the amendments will soon become law.

Confiscation of stolen gold.—The Board desire to represent that gold which has been proved to have been stolen from the Kolar Field, and which has been confiscated to Government, should be returned to them, as representing the whole of the Companies operating on the Kolar Field. Mines incur heavy expenditure in the prosecution of cases of gold theft, as well as in the maintenance of detective watch establishments for prevention of the same. They respectfully submit their moral right to such property when recovered.

Hewett's reply to the above.—"I am thankful to the Mining Board for the address which you, as its Chairman, have just read. I am glad to note that it is a straightforward one, since it dwells upon, not only what has been done for the convenience of the mining industry, but also on what remains to be done by the Government. As regards the former, I shall take the needful action in the matter. Next you refer to the Government Hospital. Though the main buildings are ready the subsidiary buildings are not, at present. There is the full complement of the Medical Staff working on the Fields and the question involved is, after all, only the transfer

of a dispensary to a more convenient building. Then you represent the need for a Maternity Hospital. To answer it the Government have already made provision, which, I understand, has proved very useful. The question of enlarging it, however, will be considered as soon as funds permit. Finally you ask that gold stolen from the Fields should, instead of being confiscated as now, be returned to the Mining Board as representing the whole of companies operating on the Fields. This representation, formally made for the first time, raises a difficult question, essentially legal. You are aware that the legislation of Mysore is generally based upon that in British India, and you may take it that there is a great deal to be said against the proposal. You do not complain against any executive order of the Government, and in ordering confiscation our Courts have been acting under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code which are identical with those of the Code in British India I must not omit to say that confiscation is not necessary for fiscal purposes, as Mysore has reached such a pitch of prosperity as to permit us to forego this comparatively trifling source of revenue. His Highness' Government are also aware of the advantage resulting from proposal to some of the Mining Companies. The question, however, is too large to dwell upon at length in this connection, but I assure you that it will receive full and early consideration at the hands of His Highness. I shall gladly communicate the expressions of the Board's gratitude to His Highness the Maharaja. As regards the latter, I have necessarily to make a few remarks. First you bring to my notice the deteriorated condition of the roads in the Gold Fields. This is the first time the Government are made aware of this circumstance. The Chief Engineer himself knows nothing about this, and he has had to ask the Superintending Engineer for information. The Chief Engineer will, however, be asked by His Highness' Government."

2. An Address delivered by Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.

"When the second Maharajakumari died in November last, the whole Province was touched with deep sorrow for her untimely end. We, the representatives of the people, have met here for the first time after her demise and we beg that you will offer to His Highness the Maharaja and the Royal family our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow on their sad bereavement.

For some years past, the seasons have not been favorable to us. This year has been specially so. Before the recent rains we entertained a great fear of a dreadful famine. The recent tour of His Highness the Maharaja and your own tour through some of the districts must have brought to the knowledge of His Highness the Maharaja and yourself the sad condition in which the labourers and the cattle in many parts of the Province have been. We are thankful to the Government for the prompt steps taken to stem, as far as possible, the tide of fear that threatened the lives both of men and cattle. We congratulate you on the financial prosperity of the State. In spite of successive bad years, the Government has shown a surplus which reflects great credit on the administration.

We endorse the compliments paid by you to Mr. Maconochie for the great interest he has been taking to throw life into the Industrial School, Mysore. I beg you will permit me to inform you that the interests he has been taking in the sanitary improvement of the City is no less enthusiastic. He is in fact, the life and soul of the sanitary improvement in the City. The Trust Board has done much for the City. If one who saw Mysore eighteen months ago were to see it again, he will find the magnitude of the sanitary changes effected by the Board. We are deeply indebted to the Government for the lakhs of rupees spent on the sanitary improvement of the capital and for the annual allotment of three lakhs therefor This liberal help will, before long, make Mysore an ideal sanitary town and one which will, in the fullness of time, confer great sanitary blessings upon this City. We look upon the sanitary improvement of Mysore as the forerunner of what is in store for the whole Province.

The failure of Agricultural Banks is to be regretted. Those who managed these banks lent money that did not belong to them and the supervision was not as satisfactory as desirable. This, we think, to be the secret of their failure. The Co-operative Credit Societies for whose establishment the rules are now framed have better elements of stability in themselves. The spirit of co-operation can be

extended to stimulate not only agriculture but also all kinds of industries. We have no doubt that these societies will, if popularised, take the place of agricultural, popular and other kinds of banks and will prove highly beneficial to all kinds of activities.

The liberal allotment made in the Educational Budget, the technical scholarships that have been instituted to enable students to go to foreign countries to learn different arts and industries and to give the benefit of their proficiency to the State after their return indicate the enlightened turn that has been given to the Educational Policy of Mysore. We request you to convey our sincere thanks to His Highness the Maharaja for his liberal educational policy and we hope that this policy will before long be productive of great industrial blessings to the State.

The additional encouragement shown to the Trustees of the Tata Research Institute by raising the grant from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 a year, an encouragement which made the location in Bangalore of this Institute possible, is one for which we are sincerely thankful to His Highness the Maharaja. We fully believe that this is a step which will before long lead to uncommon industrial and scientific activity in Mysore and we cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Government for what has been done in the matter.

We are thankful to you for officially announcing to us the happy news of the gracious acceptance, by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and the Princess of Wales, of His Highness the Maharaja's invitation to honor the State with a visit. We fully agree with you that it is an honor of which we cannot be more proud. This rare honor has filled us with great delight and we are glad to have an opportunity of showing to Their Royal Highnesses, expressions of our heartfelt loyalty. We do not know the way in which we are to do so and we hope that you will give a direction and guidance to our grateful aspirations."

The Dewan's reply.—"I shall be happy to communicate to His Highness the Maharaja your appreciation of the administration as well as the expression of your sympathies, devotion and loyalty."

3. An Address delivered by Mr. Anniah Pandit.

"We are all deeply indebted to you for the great patience with which you have listened to us. You have taught us what suggestions should be brought to the Assembly and what suggestions would obtain prompt redress at the hands of local authorities. We acknowledge your kindness in this matter. Just before the commencement of the Assembly, we were as much afraid of famine as the Government itself. Happily for the Government as well as for ourselves, the outlook became brighter and our fears have become things of the past. Your Address discloses numerous acts of progress in every direction and we see efficiency and economy on every side. This is a source of great delight to us. We cannot sufficiently acknowledge the solicitous concern that His Highness the Maharaja and yourself have shown in undertaking tours to see personally the condition of the people and to give them such redress as they stood in need of. The uncommon impetus His Highness' Government has given to agricultural and industrial development in a variety of way, bids fair before long to bear rich fruit. We cannot but heartily congratulate the Government in this matter. While feeling grateful to the Government for so many technical scholarships given to many students to enable them to obtain a good training in foreign countries, we beg to approach you with the humble prayer, that arrangements may be made to get the local talent so trained as to enable them to take the places not only of the European specialists such as, the present Agricultural Chemist, the Geologist, etc., but also the Micologist, the Entomologist, etc., that may hereafter be employed. We, in conclusion, pray that God the Almighty may bless His Highness the Maharaja and yourself with long life, sound health and prosperity and may also enable you to find your happiness in the contentment, prosperity and loyalty of the people of the State by continuing in your high office for many years to come."

Mr. Abdulla Saheb a Mahomedan Representative from Koratagere then seconded the vote of thanks by a speech in which he dwelt very eloquently on the numerous progressive measures carried out by the Government and invoked the blessings of God upon His Highness the Maharaja's Government and the State.

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